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ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2002 TO JANUARY 18, 2002

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month/Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
New Housing Price Index	November			Overall in Canada, new house prices in November were up 2.7% over November of last year, with the largest increases again posted by Ottawa-Hull (6.3%) and Montreal (4.4%). Calgary and Edmonton continued to show steady price growth at 3.3% and 2.8% respectively. Seven urban centres posted no change in new housing prices from October.
Canada	107.1	0.3%	2.7%	
Edmonton	115.3	0.5%	2.8%	
Calgary	137.5	0.6%	3.3%	
(1992=100)				
New Motor Vehicle Sales	November			New motor vehicle sales in Canada surged 8.5% in November, swinging back onto the upward trend of new motor vehicle sales that began at the start of the year. A steep increase in November truck sales led the advance, which was boosted by generous incentives from manufacturers. New vehicle sales increased in all provinces in November, with the largest increases in Saskatchewan (14.1%) and Nova Scotia (11.1%). Sales in Alberta increased 7.9% in November to 17,145 units, and are up 20.4% from a year ago. The number of new vehicles sold in November was the second highest monthly result in 25 years, surpassed only in December 1997.
Canada	143,730	8.5%	12.2%	
Alberta	17,145	7.9%	20.3%	
Travel between Canada and other countries ('000s)	November			Travel between Canada and other countries rebounded in November from its decline in October. Just over 3.0 million Canadians travelled to other countries in November, a 4.3% increase from October but still down 22.7% from November 2000. Travel to Canada from other countries also rose in November, as just over 3.5 million travellers from other countries came to Canada in November, 10.8% more than October but 15.5% less than November 2000.
Canadian trips abroad	3,049	4.3%	-22.7%	
Travel to Canada	3,525	10.8%	-15.5%	